

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 445

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Linda Li of White Station High School upon being named *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star for Foreign Language.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Li, an esteemed student at White Station High School, has been duly recognized as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Foreign Language; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural year, *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars program spotlights standout students in the newspaper and honors them for their dedication to academics, school leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, since the all-star program's September inception, principals from fifty Memphis area schools have nominated nearly 600 exceptional students for participation; from those 600 students, ten were chosen to the all-star program, each of them having excelled in a particular subject area; and

WHEREAS, ranked number one in her senior class, Linda Li has achieved outstanding academic success; she has taken six Advanced Placement courses and received a top score of five on each AP exam; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Li won a gold medal, the highest award given, on the National Latin Exam, placed second in the state Science Olympiad, and first in the regional competition; she was also part of the team that won first place at the Mid-South Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Linda Li has utilized her talents and leadership acumen as founder and president of the Memphis Chinese Community Teen Volunteers, an organization that bridges Chinese and American cultures and helps to develop responsibility and leadership in teenagers; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Linda Li who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Linda Li is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Linda Li, of White Station High School upon her selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Foreign Language, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, academic prowess, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.